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SUBJECT:FMS ACTIONS FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND YAR: C-119
AIRCRAFT
REF: STATE 227566

1. USAF HAS DEVELOPED P&A DATA FOR A SYSTEM SALE PACKAGE,
EXCEPT FOR TRAINING. THIS DATA INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:
A. FOUR C-119G AIRCRAFT, NOW IN DAVIS-MONTHAN AZ STORAGE,
RECONDITIONED AND MODIFIED TO C-119L (IMPROVED PROPELLER)
ESTIMATED UNIT COST 379,136 DOLS
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST 1,516,544 DOLS
LEAD-TIME FROM ACCEPTANCE - 14 MONTHS.

B. THREE SPARE ENGINES
ESTIMATED UNIT COST 74,191 DOLS

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ESTIMATED TOTAL COST 222,573 DOLS

- C. ONE QEC KIT, ESTIMATED COST 5,280 DOLS
- D. SPARES (1 YEAR), ESTIMATED COST 249,155 DOLS
- E. AGE, ESTIMATED COST 478,648 DOLS
- F. AIRCRAFT FERRY TO RECONDITIONING SITE TO DESTINATION
ESTIMATED COST 240,000 DOLS
- G. PH&C - 3 1/2 APPLICABLE TO ITEMS B THROUGH E.
- H. ADMIN. 2 APPLICABLE TO ALL ITEMS.

2. TRAINING -

- A. THERE ARE NO REGULAR COURSES FOR FLYING TRAINING.
FLYING TRAINING WOULD BE AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH THE

RESERVES. FLYING AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING REQUIRE
MINIMUM ECL OF 80 FOR PILOTS AND 60 TO 70 FOR TECHNICAL.

- B. ASSUMING ECL MINIMUMS AND USAFR'S AVAILABILITY -
CONUS TRAINING IS ESTIMATED AT 5 TO 6 MONTHS FOR A
CADRE OF 3-4 PILOTS AND 18-20 NCOS.

- C. BASIC ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING (MINIMUM OF ECL 24 AT
ENTRANCE) - 10 MONTHS TO REACH MINIMUM OF 80 ECL.

- D. IN ORDER TO FURNISH ESTIMATES OF TRAINING USAF NEEDS
CURRENT BACKGROUND ON AVAILABLE PERSONNEL (ECL, SKILL
LEVEL, EDUCATION LEVEL, AIRCRAFT EXPERIENCE BY TYPE.)

3. IN VIEW OF LEADTIMES AND TRAINING PROBLEMS NOTED ABOVE,
AS WELL AS RELATIVELY SHORT LENGTH OF REMAINING
SUPPORTABILITY OF THE C-119 (POSSIBLY ENDING AS EARLY
AS APRIL 76) WE HAVE RESERVATIONS AS TO WHETHER OFFICIAL
LETTER OF OFFER FOR C-119 SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHOUT
FURTHER CONSIDERATION. TRAINING LEADTIME MAY INDEED
EXCEED AIRCRAFT REFURBISHMENT LEADTIME, ALTHOUGH THIS
DEPENDS ON EXTENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY OF
QUALIFIED YAR PERSONNEL.

4. A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO US TRAINING WOULD BE A
LOCALLY CONDUCTED PROGRAM. JORDANIANS CURRENTLY HAVE
THREE C-119K AIRCRAFT (MODIFIED FOR STOL) AND COULD
POSSIBLY OFFER SOME TRAINING ASSISTANCE.

5. EMBASSY SANAA SHOULD PASS COPY TO COL. FIFER AND ASK
FOR HIS RECOMMENDATIONS WHETHER WE SHOULD RELEASE FORMAL
LETTER OF OFFER NOW TO SAUDIS OR IF WE SHOULD CONSIDER
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ALTERNATIVES TO PROVIDE YAR WITH MODEST AIRLIFT
CAPABILITY.

6. JIDDA SHOULD PASS COPY TO DOD SPECIALIST TEAM. INGERSOLL

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